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DERBY WEEK, SPRING MEET TICKETS ON SALE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Feb. 12, 2021) – Tickets to Churchill Downs Racetrack for Kentucky Derby Week events are on sale now at www.kentuckyderby.com/tickets/2021-derby-week-tickets.

“Kentucky Derby Week represents a time of fun and excitement and our team is working diligently to create and deliver the best customer experience possible as we do every year,” said Churchill Downs Racetrack President **Mike Anderson**. “We’ll continue to rely on proven health and safety protocols and operate within the guidance of state health officials as well as the CDC.

“We previously reported that we are starting with the assumption that we will limit the number of reserved seats to 40 to 50 percent capacity and delay the sale of general admission tickets. If the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 continue to improve, then we will open more reserved seats and consider the sale of general admission tickets.”

Guests with contractual seating, such as personal seat licenses, memberships and annual tickets, and those who received refunds in 2020, will have rights to first refusal for the 147th runnings of the \$3 million **Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve** on Saturday, May 1, and the \$1.25 million **Longines Kentucky Oaks** on Friday, April 30.

There is no online sale planned for first-party reserved seating at this time. However, contractual guests with tickets who are unable to attend the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks or other events can utilize the **Kentucky Derby Ticket Exchange**, the official fan-to-fan resale marketplace and only authorized resale platform, to resell tickets. The Official Kentucky Derby Ticket Exchange allows guests to resell tickets, charge face value or above and guarantee authenticity through **Ticketmaster** verified tickets.

Notification of the availability of additional tickets to Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks will be made by way of email and social media. Fans are encouraged to subscribe to the Kentucky Derby’s email distribution list online at <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/tickets/newsletter-signup> and follow @KentuckyDerby on social media to stay updated on if or when there are changes to ticket availability.

Those interested in attending Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks can also visit Derby Experiences, the Kentucky Derby’s Official Experience Package Partner, to explore a variety of packages combining Derby and Oaks seats with access to exclusive lounges, VIP Fast Access passes, hotel and transportation accommodations and more. Information is available online at www.derbyexperiences.com/kentucky-derby-2021.

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Churchill Downs ticket options are available for other popular Derby Week events: **Opening Night presented by Budweiser** (Saturday, April 24); **Dawn at the Downs** (Sunday, April 25 and Monday, April 26); **Champions Day presented by TwinSpires** (Tuesday, April 27); and **Thurby presented by Old Forester** (Thursday, April 29).

In addition to Kentucky Derby Week, tickets are on sale for the entire 2021 Spring Meet, which covers 38 dates from Saturday, April 24 through Saturday, June 26.

Notable Spring Meet events and dates include **Twilight Thursdays** (Thursdays, May 6-June 24); **Mother's Day** (Sunday, May 9); **Preakness Stakes Simulcast** (Saturday, May 15); **Sunday Brunch** (Sundays, May 16-June 20); **Downs After Dark presented by Budweiser** (Saturdays, May 22 and June 12); **Stephen Foster Preview Day** (Saturday, May 29); **Memorial Day** (Monday, May 31); **Teacher Appreciation Day** (Thursday, June 3); **Belmont Stakes Simulcast** (Saturday, June 5); **Flag Day Observance** (Sunday, June 13); **Father's Day** (Sunday, June 20); and **Stephen Foster Day/Closing Day** (Saturday, June 26).

Information regarding Churchill Downs' Health & Safety plan for Kentucky Derby 2021 can be found at www.kentuckyderby.com/tickets/ticket-options/updates.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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